

cityscene

What's happening in the City of Fairfax

MAY 2019

SUMMER PREVIEW

Mark Your Calendars

Summer isn't about sitting still in Fairfax City. In fact, it's one of those seasons where something is happening nearly every night of the week. While **Rock the Block** is the marquee attraction each month of the summer, scores of other events dot the calendar from mid-May through Labor Day. "We want residents and others in the region to know the city has an agenda of community fun," says Mayor David Meyer. "We're proud to have such amazing programming on tap for such a small city. We truly are becoming a cultural powerhouse in the region."

Planning the city's events entails lining up what residents have asked for over the years and adding some new twists. For example, **Beer in the 'Burbs** debuts in June, and it follows a rallying cry for an event that showcases Virginia craft beers in a relaxed and engaging setting. "Every program we launch is geared toward making sure our residents and those in the region can experience the city in a unique way," says Mitzi Taylor, the city's events and recreation manager.

OLD TOWN PLAZA PERFORMANCES

WHEN Fridays, May 3-September 20 (except during Rock the Block)

WHERE Old Town Plaza

LOWDOWN Live music as a great backdrop for food and drinks in the Old Town Plaza, free

INFO oldtownplazafairfax.com

See more
exciting
events
happening this
summer in
Fairfax City

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City Survey

FAVORITE SUMMER EVENING ACTIVITY?

Warm weather delivers so many great options around town, so for this month's online survey, we asked:
On a gorgeous late spring or summer night, what's your go-to for relaxing?



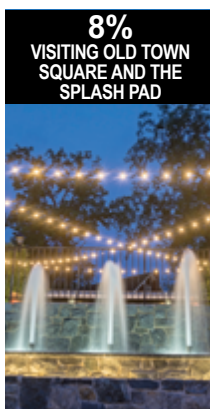
32%
GOING FOR A WALK
OR BIKE RIDE IN
A CITY PARK



27%
GETTING AN ICE CREAM
AND HANGING OUTSIDE



11%
TAKING A DIP AT THE
NEIGHBORHOOD POOL



8%
VISITING OLD TOWN
SQUARE AND THE
SPLASH PAD



22%
DINING OUTDOORS AT
OLD TOWN PLAZA OR
ANOTHER CITY HOTSPOT

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CITY NEWS

Free Classes During Green Acres Open House, May 1-7

Try a new fitness class — or dive into a new physical routine — for free! Drop in on any fitness classes during the first week of May, and it's on us. Visit fairfaxva.gov/parksrec and click on the Parks & Rec Connected button to see what's offered this season; 703.385.7858.



Budget Scheduled for Adoption, May 8

The Mayor and City Council want your input as they finalize the city's annual budget and Capital Improvements Program (CIP), which will be adopted at the May 8 City Council meeting.

The budget is a detailed description of how taxpayer money is spent — and where fees and tax rates, including personal property and real estate, are set. Download a copy of the proposed budget at fairfaxva.gov/budget; share input with the City Council via Connect2FairfaxCity.com or at the May 8 meeting; 703.385.7870.

Animal Adoptions, May 18

Find a new animal friend with the help of the City of Fairfax Animal Control and Animal Shelter. The office holds animal adoption events on the third Saturday of the month. To see who's available for adoption at any time, visit the city home page, click How Do I, and choose "Adopt a Pet." *Pet Supplies Plus, 11054 Lee Highway, 11 am-2 pm*

Ride of the Patriots, May 26

Join Memorial Day observances with a hometown parade and the annual Ride of the Patriots. This ride honors military and public-safety personnel and is a staging area for Rolling Thunder.

Here's the timeline:

5:30-10:30 am: Eastbound Fairfax Boulevard closed from Eaton Place to Fairfax Circle; that area of westbound Fairfax Boulevard becomes a two-way street.

7:20 am: Parade from Capt. Pell's Crab House to Patriot Harley-Davidson

8 am: Opening ceremonies at Patriot Harley-Davidson

9 am: Motorcycle riders depart under police escort for the Pentagon.

Bleachers will be set up for spectators, and veterans' groups will offer food and drinks. rideofthepatriots.com

June 11 Primary Election: Important Dates

Residents have until May 20 to register to vote or to make changes to their registration before the June 11 Democratic Primary Election.

In-person absentee voting is available from 8:30 am to 5 pm weekdays through June 7 (excluding holidays), and from 8:30 am to 5 pm Saturday, June 8. June 4 is the last day to request an absentee ballot be mailed.

Sample ballots: fairfaxva.gov/vote; 703.385.7890

National Police Week, May 12-18; Unity Tour Event May 12

National Police Week (policeweek.org) includes a range of activities across the city, including National Peace Officers Memorial Day (May 15), which pays tribute to the peace officers who have died in the line of duty. The City Council recognizes this observance with a proclamation to the City of Fairfax Police Department. Citizens can begin observance of National Police Week by cheering on police officers from around the nation cycling through the city May 12 in the Police Unity Tour (policeunitytour.com). The bicycle tour, which begins May 10 in Richmond, travels through Northern Virginia on its way to Washington, D.C. Cyclists, including City of Fairfax Police officers, are expected to ride through Fairfax May 12. The route was being finalized at press time, but cyclists anticipate traveling through the city. Community members are invited to gather in Old Town Square around 11 am. *Tour route is subject to last-minute change, so please confirm by visiting fairfaxva.gov; 703.273.2889*



Layton Hall-Willard House

This was once a party house. All right, maybe not in an *Animal House* sense, but its former owner, Captain Joseph E. Willard (1865-1924), offered an open invitation to the town's residents to recreate themselves on the "park-like" property, according to the long-gone *Fairfax Herald*. His estate was known as Layton Hall, the current site of Courthouse Plaza. Willard, who built Old Town Hall in 1900, was in the Virginia House of Delegates, served as lieutenant governor and was America's minister to Spain under Woodrow Wilson. Some intrigue: Layton Hall was one of eight worldwide training centers used for assessing candidates for the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), which later became the CIA. In 1964, the property was razed and burned by the fire department in a training exercise to make way for a 20-acre development. Thanks to Elaine McRey, a librarian in the Virginia Room of the City of Fairfax Regional Library, for the history lesson. Explore more local history, including incredible photography, at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center (10209 Main St.) and Virginia Room (10360 North St.).

How Our Kids Learn Through (Genius) Tinkering

WHEN IT COMES TO LEARNING, Lanier Middle School teacher Matt Bechtel is strong believer in letting kids tinker. Which is why Lanier's Makerspace science and technology lab has been such an educational breakthrough — especially with Bechtel as its enthusiastic leader.

What makes it so different? Watch students for a few minutes, and it becomes clear: They literally roll up their sleeves and create items like interactive game boards and use 3-D printers for a range of projects. Students also use the Makerspace to create a system to pollinate flowers in response to the declining bee population. Civics students employ the space to capture footage for their public service announcements, and budding scientists use Makerspace for collaborative projects, including a cell-theory rap video.

"Our learning space provides student-centered, hands-on, creative ways to design,



experiment and engage in science, engineering, tinkering and beyond," says Bechtel, who has a master's degree in science and technology education. "Learning shouldn't be passive and theoretical, but instead relevant and practical.

WHAT'S COOL AND WHAT'S NEXT?

We asked Makerspace team leader Matt Bechtel to brag a little more about student-led projects and outline the future of this innovative approach to learning.

- Lanier's tech team uses Makerspace every Tuesday-Friday to teach students how to solve computer issues.
- Epsilon Tutoris (Fairfax High School students) visits the Makerspace every Monday to provide ESOL students after-school STEM activities.
- Fairfax High School students use Makerspace to support the Lanier's Robotics and KidWind teams.
- Eventually, Makerspace will consistently reach past the traditional school day to include after-school clubs and MakerFaire-style events open to the community.

We're asking students to become more aware of the design of the world around them and begin to see themselves as people who can hack and improve any design."



5 MINUTES WITH ... CATHY SALGADO PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR



DID YOU KNOW?

Parks and Recreation Director Cathy Salgado says her department offers a wealth of below-the-radar services for residents, including:

CIVIC ASSOCIATION OR HOA CHATS. Do you and your neighbors want to learn more about parks and rec issues and opportunities? Or perhaps you have some suggestions for programs or parks improvement. Salgado and her team will come speak to your group.

TENTS, TABLES AND CHAIRS LOANS. Is your civic association hosting a Memorial Day or another big event this year? If you need these essentials, they can be loaned out.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. The city's parks and rec programs are for everyone. So, city residents who want to participate in a range of activities but can't afford the fees can receive a financial boost.

Cathy Salgado is in perpetual motion. From watching the progress on a new turf field at Draper Drive Park to checking on her parks maintenance crew to helping her events team fine-tune programs for kids, seniors and everyone in between, slowing down isn't an option for the parks and recreation director. But we stopped Cathy long enough to get her take on the state of fun in the city.

How long have you been with the city?

I started working here four years ago this July, and it has been a blast. Before coming here, I was Vienna's parks and rec director for 14 years.

What's the big picture of your role?

Really, it's everything under the Fairfax City sun. First, I work to inspire and lead our department staff and volunteers. I also work with my team to ensure that community programming is first rate and always evolving.

I also guide an unheralded but extremely important team: our maintenance crew, who do everything from mowing to making sure fountains at Old Town Square work. We take so much pride in what we do, because we want city residents to fall in love with our parks every time they use one.

What do you love about working here?

Getting to know the residents, working with volunteers and helping improve our parks, facilities and programs. I also love projects where we help nonprofits raise money and awareness through working our events like Rock the Block, Fall Festival and the Holiday Market.

What upcoming programs are you excited about? Beer in the 'Burbs (June 1), and Spotlight on the Arts (through May 12) celebrates the 50th anniversary of Woodstock. Oh, and splash pad season begins in May!

More info about these programs, call 703.385.7940

BY THE NUMBERS

Backstage Pass

Rock the Block kicks off May 24 in Old Town Square. And while the monthly musical bash offers great entertainment and concession options, there's another free perk again this year: Backstage Pass. Created by the city's Economic Development team, the pass offers great discounts on food and more at Fairfax City businesses. Passes are given out at the show and at 16 spots downtown. Economic Development also will have a pop-up shop for Fairfax City-themed items all summer. Details: Fairfaxva.gov, search "Backstage Pass."

2,000

Number of
Backstage Pass
coupons
given out
at each show

15

Percentage
discount usually
offered by local
businesses on
everything from
food to services

12

Number of local businesses
featured, with new local merchants
introduced throughout the summer

9

Number of days you can take
advantage of these discounts
after a Rock the Block show

TRANSPORTATION

THE NEW RUST CURVE

For those who travel north and south along Chain Bridge Road, Rust Curve is a winding, canopied part of the trip. Good news: One year from now, this stretch of roadway will look much different and become an aesthetic knockout.

In the meantime, however, major work will be conducted along the roadway resulting in a traffic disruption. Northbound Chain Bridge Road will be closed to traffic for roughly 12 months, with detours along Whitehead Street, University and Kenmore, before rolling back onto Chain Bridge. Southbound traffic at Rust Curve will remain open — and all of downtown, of course, will be open for business.

The benefits of the project, which is partially funded by the Virginia Department of Transportation, include:

- **New, continuous pedestrian sidewalk — with curb ramp and entrance crossings — on the**

west side of Chain Bridge Road between Old Town Fairfax and Rust Hill Place

- **Design that preserves the character of Rust Curve and provides a gateway to downtown; areas for better lighting**
- **Eliminate existing erosion issues, drainage problems and roadside hazards along the west side of Chain Bridge Road; removal of existing utility poles**

"It's a project that, once completed, will impact people immediately and serve as a pedestrian gateway to Old Town," says Wendy Sanford, the city's transportation director. "We need to get through some traffic inconvenience for the short term, but payoff for getting around will be tremendous for years to come." *Traffic updates: Sign up for Fairfax City Alert at fairfaxva.gov, search "City Alert;" updates on project, Rt123sidewalk.com*



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HOMETOWN THURSDAYS

WHEN First and third Thursdays in May, June, August, September, 6:30-8:30 pm

WHERE Old Town Square

LOWDOWN These relaxed, free events are all about evening picnics and hanging out near the fountains and splash pad while we showcase great local bands.

INFO fairfaxva.gov, search "Hometown Thursdays"



ANTIQUE CAR SHOW

WHEN Saturday, May 18, 10 am-3 pm

WHERE Fairfax City Hall

LOWDOWN This is a car enthusiast's nirvana, with scores of classics, plus music, food and activities for kids — your \$1 donation fee goes toward the Armed Forces Retirement Home.

INFO nvrg.org



ROCK THE BLOCK

WHEN Fourth Fridays, May-October (kicks off May 24), 6:30-9:30

WHERE Old Town Square

LOWDOWN Expect up to 4,000 people during the best free Friday of the month, with national cover bands, food trucks, a beer garden and family activities. The Rockets kick things off May 24, and Junk Food keeps the block rocking on June 28.

INFO fairfaxva.gov, search "Rock the Block"



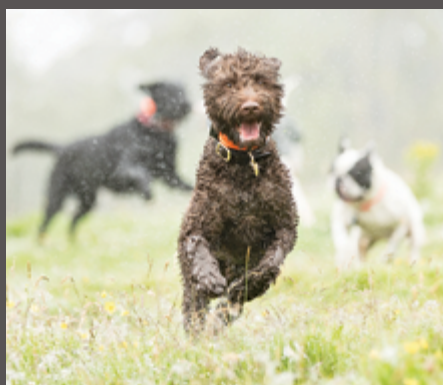
BEER IN THE 'BURBS

WHEN Saturday, June 1, noon-5 pm

WHERE Old Town Square

LOWDOWN Some of the best Virginia craft brewers will be on hand to showcase their liquid creations; expect live music (Woodstock theme!), food trucks and family fun.

INFO fairfaxva.gov, search "Beer in the Burbs"



FIDO FEST

WHEN Saturday, June 15, 11am-2 pm

WHERE New Fairfax City Dog Park (11000 Berry St.)

LOWDOWN Free event with plenty of vendors, canine fun, demos and a doggy splash zone

INFO fairfaxva.gov, search "Community Events"



FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE

WHEN Saturday, June 15, 5-8 pm

WHERE Sherwood Center

LOWDOWN Dads, granddads, uncles or big brothers and their kiddie dates come dressed to impress for dancing, games, crafts and fairytale guests. \$30 per attendee

INFO fairfaxva.gov, search "Online Registration"



A HOMETOWN CELEBRATION

WHEN June 30

WHERE Veterans Amphitheater (City Hall), 5 pm

LOWDOWN Bring your blankets, lawn chairs and appetites to kick off Independence Week in the city! Local food vendors will be on hand to purchase food and beverages, and the City of Fairfax Band will play the classics.

INFO fairfaxva.gov, search "Hometown Celebration"



4TH OF JULY PARADE & EVENING SHOW

WHEN July 4, 10 am (parade), 6 pm (evening show)

WHERE Downtown parade; Fairfax High school show

LOWDOWN The best small-town parade in America will roll again this year, rain or shine, with great marching bands, local organizations, acrobats, massive floats, clowns and more. The evening show features the Darby Brothers, followed by fireworks at dusk.



MOVIES UNDER THE MOON

WHEN June 14, July 12, August 9, September 13; 8 pm

WHERE Van Dyck Park

LOWDOWN Spread out your blankets or prop up your lawn chairs to see *Mary Poppins Returns* (June 14), *Parent Trap* (July 12), *The Greatest Showman* (August 9) and *Matilda* (September 13). **INFO** fairfaxva.gov, search "Community Events"

Life on Two Wheels



Fairfax City's pit stop for Bike to Work Day is Old Town Square from 6-9 am; it features free t-shirts, snacks, bike tune-ups and more.

BIKE TO WORK DAY IS FRIDAY, MAY 17. And while the D.C. region has plenty of pit stops for commuters ditching their cars and riding their bikes to work, the city's pit stop in Old Town Square is pretty special. Perks include a free tee shirt, a bike tune-up, free massage, snacks and great prizes that include everything from gift certificates to biking gear.

Chloe Ritter, the city's multimodal transportation planner, says the day is all about fun and not being intimidated about the prospect of biking. She notes that many cyclists who, for example, work downtown or in Arlington, choose to do a combination of biking and public transportation on Bike to Work Day.

"Biking is an important part of the city's

goal for improving mobility within and between our neighborhoods and activity centers," says Ritter. "The community spoke up during the development of the Multimodal Transportation Plan and let us know they want more options to get around town."

Changes are coming, including the multi-million-dollar extension of the George Snyder Trail, which is made possible by a grant from state transportation funding, along with protected bike lanes on Old Lee Highway, a shared-use path along Jermantown Road and completion of the Judicial Drive trail. In the meantime, circle a special, two-wheeled Friday in mid-May on your calendar, and join us in the Square. *For free registration, fairfaxva.gov/biketowork*

COMMUNITY



Kathy Hackshaw and Jim Mollenkopf



The Sweet Life

FOR JIM MOLLENKOPF, MAY IS ABOUT KEEPING HIS GIRLS HAPPY. His lady honeybees, that is. Mollenkopf, who has lived with his wife and son in the city for 22 years, has been a beekeeper seven years — five around town. Currently, Mollenkopf helps four families in the city maintain their hives. "The number of bees in each hive varies with the time of year," he says. "In winter, the hive will shrink to as few as 5,000 bees and swell to more than 40,000 in the summer. And each hive only has one queen the whole time!"

Why maintain honeybees? First, it gives Mother Nature a needed boost, especially with honeybees challenged by a number of factors including loss of habitat, pesticides and mites that invade and wipe out hives. "Bees are critical to pollinate a large proportion of our food, but also help our local trees

and gardens pollinate and thrive," Mollenkopf says. "I'm amazed how these simple creatures live together in hives that have all these complex things going on."

City resident Kathy Hackshaw has been keeping bees for five years, and Mollenkopf has been her honeybee mentor. "I didn't realize how much I would learn about bees; they're fascinating and so beneficial to the community," she says. "I'm certainly more careful about what I plant in our yard. I share honey with my neighbors and tell them, 'This is what Fairfax City tastes like.' Jim shares his knowledge so we can understand what changes are going on in the hives. He likes to say the bees know what they're doing, so don't worry." *Learn more: Northern Virginia Beekeepers Association (novabees.org); apply for beekeeping permit at fairfaxva.gov, search "honeybees."*



HONEYBEE MYTHS



MYTH 1 Honeybees are aggressive. "They eat nectar from flowers and only sting to defend themselves from attack," Mollenkopf says. "The biggest surprise for me is how much neighbors love having the bees nearby."

MYTH 2 Honeybees require lots of care. While beekeepers need to check on the hives weekly from March through October, it's not labor-intensive.

MYTH 3 Honeybees are expensive to maintain. The hive and components cost about \$250, and a hive full of bees is around \$125.

MYTH 4 Honeybees don't produce enough honey to make it worthwhile. An average hive can produce up to 50 pounds of honey per season. That's a lot of sweetness to go around.

community Calendar

MAY 2019

Visit fairfaxva.gov for late-breaking news and event information.
Calendar information is subject to last-minute change.

HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

City Government Information 703.385.7850
Arts and Cultural Events 703.352.ARTS
City of Fairfax Regional Library 703.293.6227
Civil War Interpretive Center 703.591.0560
Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center 703.385.8414
George Mason University Events 703.993.1000

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div></div> <div>Watch live and taped proceedings of City Council meetings or read reports of meetings by visiting fairfaxva.gov and clicking this icon on the home page.</div>	<div>Solarize NOVA: through June 14</div> <div>Absentee voting continues through June 8 for the June 11 Democratic Primary Election</div> <div>Fairfax Spotlight on the Arts: through May 12</div> <div>WWII Quilts Exhibition: May 4-Oct. 20</div> <div>Rock the Block Backstage Pass: May 24-June 1</div>		<div>1 Senior Center Open House, 11am-2 pm, Green Acres Center</div> <div>Economic Development Authority meeting, 6 pm, Mason Enterprise Center, Fairfax, 4031 University Drive</div> <div>Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex</div> <div>Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting, 7 pm, Historic Blenheim</div>	<div>2</div> <div>Hometown Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Old Town Square</div> <div>FX Players: Good News, 7 pm, Fairfax High School</div>	<div>3</div> <div>BINGO, 7 pm, Fire Station 3*</div> <div>FX Players: Good News, 7 pm, Fairfax High School</div>	<div>4 Ratcliffe-Allison-Pozer House tours, 11 am-2 pm, 10386 Main Street</div> <div>City of Fairfax Band: American Vistas, 7 pm, Ernst Community Theater, NVCC-Annandale</div> <div>FX Players: Good News, 7 pm, Fairfax High School</div>
5	<div>6</div> <div>Funday Monday, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall</div> <div>School Board meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex</div>	<div>7</div> <div>The Greatest Gershwin, 7 pm, Old Town Hall</div>	<div>8 City Council work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex [CC]</div> <div>Historic Fairfax City, Inc., annual meeting, 7 pm, Historic Blenheim</div> <div>League of Women Voters meeting, 7:15 pm, Green Acres Center</div>	<div>9</div> <div>Art & Lunch with the Fairfax Art League, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall</div> <div>City of Fairfax Democratic Committee meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex</div>	<div>10</div> <div>BINGO, 7 pm, Fire Station 3*</div>	<div>11 Document Shredding Event, 7 am, I-95 Landfill Complex, 9850 Furnace Road, Lorton</div> <div>Community Farmers' Market, 8 am-1 pm, 10500 Page Avenue</div> <div>Tour de Solar, steps off at 10 am from City Hal</div>
HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS WEEK						
<div>12</div> <div>Community Farmers' Market, 8 am-1 pm, 10500 Page Avenue</div> <div>Second Sunday: Images of Motherhood, 2 pm, Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center</div>	<div>13</div> <div>Funday Monday, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall</div> <div>Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex</div>	<div>14</div> <div>City Council meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex [CC]</div>	<div>15</div> <div>Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex</div> <div>Solarize NOVA session, 7 pm, Old Town Hall</div> <div>Fairfax City Citizens for Smarter Growth meeting, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library</div>	<div>16 Hometown Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Old Town Square</div> <div>City of Fairfax Republican Committee meeting, 7:30 pm, Old Firehouse #3</div>	<div>17 Bike to Work Day, 6-9 am, Old Town Square</div> <div></div> <div>Sherwood Family Movie Night, 7 pm, Sherwood Center ***</div> <div>BINGO, 7pm, Fire Station 3*</div>	<div>18 Community Farmers' Market, 8 am-1 pm, 10500 Page Avenue</div> <div>Antique Car Show, 10 am-3 pm, City Hall</div> <div>Child Safety Day, 10 am-1 pm, City Hall</div> <div>Ratcliffe-Allison-Pozer House tours, 11 am-2 pm, 10386 Main Street</div>
NATIONAL POLICE WEEK						
<div>19</div> <div>Community Farmers' Market, 8 am-1 pm, 10500 Page Avenue</div>	<div>20</div> <div>Funday Monday, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall</div> <div>Final day to register to vote before the June 11 Democratic Primary Election</div> <div>School Board work session, 6 pm, Fairfax High School</div>	<div>21</div> <div>Commission on the Arts meeting, 7 pm, Sherwood Center</div> <div>Commission for Women, 7 pm, City Hall</div>	<div>22</div>	<div>23</div> <div>Community Appearance Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall</div>	<div>24</div> <div></div> <div>6:30-9:30 pm; road closures in effect (see city website)</div> <div>BINGO, 7pm, Fire Station 3*</div>	<div>Animal Adoption Event, 11 am - 2 pm, Pet Supplies Plus, 11054 Lee Highway</div> <div>The Eleventh Army Corps at Chancellorsville: A Reappraisal, 2 pm, Historic Blenheim</div>
<div>26</div> <div>Ride of the Patriots; road closures in effect (see city website); event information at rideofthepatriots.com</div> <div>Community Farmers' Market, 8 am-1 pm, 10500 Page Avenue</div>	<div>27</div> <div>MEMORIAL DAY</div> <div>Recycling Center closed</div> <div>General District Court closed</div> <div>CUE Bus on a Saturday schedule</div> <div>Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center open</div> <div>Refuse and recycling are not collected; Monday and Tuesday refuse and recycling routes are collected on Tuesday, 5/28</div>	<div>28</div> <div>Monday and Tuesday refuse and recycling routes collected</div> <div>City Council meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex [CC]</div>	<div>29</div>	<div>30</div>	<div>31</div> <div>BINGO, 7pm, Fire Station 3*</div>	<div>25</div> <div>Community Farmers' Market, 8 am-1 pm, 10500 Page Avenue</div> <div></div> <div>For a full Citiescreen-12 schedule, visit fairfaxva.gov and click on "Services"</div>

*Bingo benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department

**GMU Commencement is at 10 am, EagleBank Arena

***Non-perishable food donations accepted for Britepaths; call 703.385.7858

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WHY I VOLUNTEER

SARAH ELIZABETH ROSS PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Years in Fairfax City: For the majority of my life! I grew up in Mosby Woods, and my husband and I moved back to the City in 2013.

Why she volunteers: I like giving back to our wonderful community and shaping it for the future. We're so fortunate to have fantastic parks and recreation programming here — serving on the advisory board is an opportunity to be a good steward of our resources.

Favorite city park and program: My favorite park is Van Dyck, since it's walking distance from our house! We also love Rock the Block all summer long.

Why she loves Fairfax City: I love the sense of community, the fantastic restaurants and how accessible things are both within the city and the region.

Want to volunteer for a board or commission?

There are currently positions open for the following boards and commissions: Board of Equalization (one vacancy for a real estate, financial or legal professional); Commission on the Arts (two vacancies); Historic Fairfax City, Inc. (one vacancy); Human Services Committee (one vacancy). Unless otherwise noted, applicants must have lived in the city for at least one year; they must also be a registered voter at their current address. To apply, visit fairfaxva.gov, click on "Residents" and navigate to "Volunteer Opportunities," or call 703.385.7935. Deadline May 12

May

CULTURAL CALENDAR

Tour the Ratcliffe-Allison-Pozer House, May 4 and May 18

Take a walk through architectural history on free guided tour of the oldest residence in the city, the Ratcliffe-Allison-Pozer House. *Free, 10386 Main St., 11 am-2 pm, 703.385.8414*

Community Farmers' Markets, Saturdays and Sundays Beginning May 11

Fresh fruits and vegetables are only one of the many attractions of the Community Farmers Markets, held twice a week and sponsored by the Downtown Fairfax Coalition. *10500 Page Avenue (across from Truro Church), 8 am-1 pm Saturdays (fairfaxsatdaymarket.com); 10 am-2 pm Sundays (fairfaxsundaymarket.com).*

Images of Motherhood, May 12

Using excerpts from the writings of Fairfax's own Julia Ford, Antonia Ford Willard and Dr. Kate Waller Barrett, Museum Curator Susan Inskeep Gray will explore the thoughts of these mothers. *Free, Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main St., 2 pm. 703.385.8414*

Sherwood Family Movie Night, May 17

Spend your family date night at the movies. Bring your own snacks, and the Fairfax nonprofit Britepaths will accept food donations during the event (check with Sherwood Center staff for a list of acceptable items). *Free, Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Hwy., 7 pm, 703.385.7858*

The Eleventh Corps at Chancellorsville: A Reappraisal, May 18

Did the soldiers of the Eleventh Army Corps at Chancellorsville throw down their guns and run away during a surprise attack by Stonewall Jackson? Consider a new interpretation at this talk, followed by a book sale and signing *Free, Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Hwy., 2 pm, 703.591.0560*

Guided Historic Walking Tours

Let Historic Fairfax City, Inc. (HFCI) take you on a walking tour of Old Town Fairfax. Step off at 10 am on June 8, August 10 and September 14 from the Historic Fairfax Courthouse. *Reservations recommended, 4000 Chain Bridge Road, 703.385.8414*